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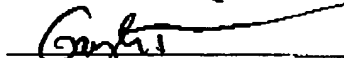
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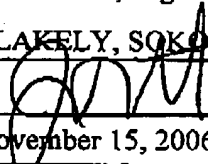
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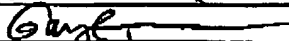
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**RESPONSE TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Dear Sir:

This response is offered to the Interview Summary of October 18, 2006

A telephonic interview took place on October 3, 2006 regarding this application and co-pending application 09/274,157. Participating in the interview were Examiners Richard Lee and Tung Vo and patent attorneys Paul Mendonsa and Jose Mata.

Mendonsa and Mata proposed amending claim 1 to recite that if a temporally closest anchor frame is previous to a B-frame, then only unidirectionally forward predicting of the B-frame would be performed, using only the temporally closest anchor frame for the prediction. Claim 1 would further recite that if a temporally closest anchor frame is subsequent to a B-frame, then only unidirectionally backward predicting of the B-frame would be performed, using only the temporally closest anchor frame.

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It was agreed that Mendonsa and Mata would fax a copy of a probable amendment to claim 1. After the call was terminated, Examiners Lee and Vo called back and reached Mr. Mata explaining that the previous discussion applied to the *Ju* reference, but not the *Ngai* reference. Mr. Mata expressed his view that the previously discussed amendment would overcome the rejections based on *Ngai* as well.

On October 4, 2006, Mr. Mata faxed the following proposed amendment to claim 1 to Examiner Vo:

1. (Currently Amended). A method for performing motion estimation comprising:
  - receiving a stream of data comprising at least a predicted frame and a temporally closest anchor frame; [[and]]
  - if the temporally closest anchor frame is previous to the predicted frame, utilizing even-parity field prediction to only unidirectionally forward predict content of each of a plurality of fields of the unidirectionally forward predicted frame from corresponding fields of only the temporally closest anchor frame[[.]]; and
  - if the temporally closest anchor frame is subsequent to the predicted frame, utilizing even-parity field prediction to only unidirectionally backward predict content of each of a plurality of fields of the unidirectionally backward predicted frame from corresponding fields of only the temporally closest anchor frame;
  - wherein the unidirectionally predicted frame that is predicted only from the temporally closest anchor frame comprises a frame that is defined as a bi-directionally predicted frame according to an encoding protocol for the stream of data.

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CONCLUSION

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the present application. Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account number 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,  
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